

UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposal to Reissue Final Permit; Opportunity for a Public Hearing; and Request for Public Comment

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, plans to reissue a final Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, PAS2R908BMCK, under the authority of the Federal UIC regulations at 40 CFR Part 144, Section 144.37, "Continuation of Expiring Permits," to Herzog Oil Field Service, Inc., Bradford, Pennsylvania.

On August 1, 1990, the above referenced permit was issued to construct and operate twenty Class IIR enhanced oil recovery injection wells numbered as referenced in the permit application, for a facility known as the Red Rock Property and located at Red Rock Road, Foster Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. On August 1, 2000, this permit will expire. Herzog Oil Field Service, Inc. has requested that EPA renew this permit. The company will be permitted to continue operating under the conditions of the expired permit while EPA takes appropriate steps to reissue this permit.

The Administrative Record for this permit action remains available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Safe Drinking Water Act Branch in the Office of Compliance and Enforcement of EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All information submitted by the applicant, unless deemed confidential, is available to the public in the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record includes the permit reissuance letter and all related correspondence. A copy of the reissued draft final permit and the Statement of Basis are available for inspection at the Bradford Area Public Library, 67 W. Washington, Bradford, PA.

EPA solicits public comment on the proposal to reissue this final UIC permit for this facility. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2000, at 7:00 PM at the Foster Township Building, 1185 E. Main Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Requests to hold a public hearing must be received in the office listed below by July 21, 2000. When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised. EPA expressly reserves the right to cancel this hearing unless a significant degree of public interest is evidenced by the above date. In any case, the Administrative Record for this action will remain open for public comment until August 1, 2000.

Interested persons may obtain further information, including copies of the permit and the Statement of Basis, by contacting Stephen Platt, Safe Drinking Water Act Branch (3WP32), Office of Compliance and Enforcement, U. S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, or by phone at (215)814-5464 or (215)814-5455.